

Middlesex County Jailer's House
50 Thorndike Street
Cambridge
Middlesex County
Massachusetts

HABS No. MA-873

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Middlesex	TOWN OR VICINITY Cambridge
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Middlesex County Jailer's House		HABS NO. MA-873
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 50 Thorndike Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1872	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A fine Second Empire Style house, this building housed Middlesex County's Jailers from 1872 to at least 1965.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Second Empire		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Pressed brick with granite trim		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; 40' x 45'; 2 stories plus attic story; 3-bay front; 1-story entrance porch, capped by projecting bay window; mansard roof.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Porch supported by paired granite columns; terrace with balustrade across front; numerous dormers in straight sided mansard roof.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Center hall plan; plaster cornices.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Built next door to jail.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Scribner Historic Buildings Series. <u>Historic Buildings of Massachusetts</u> . 1976.		
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